Check Your Building — Detailed checklist







Content

This checklist is based on the research report: 'D.6.2 Robust Internal Thermal Insulation of Historic Buildings', which can be found on <u>www.ribuild.eu</u>. Print this checklist and note your observations and measurements for each question to perform a visual inspection of your building before applying internal insulation.

Reminder to use photo documentation during your building inspection.

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Walls in contact with ground / base area

- 1. How are the design and condition of the splash water area and level access?
- 2. Is there any visible groundwater or surface water discharge?
- 3. What is the groundwater depth?
- 4. Are there visible waterproofing levels against rising damp (e.g. horizontal barrier, vertical waterproofing and possibly existing protective layers)?



- **1.** What materials are the façade made of? (plaster, brick façade, natural stone, half-timbered, wood, concrete, etc.)
- 2. Describe the wall structures layers, thicknesses, materials etc.
- 3. Does the wall structure contain cavaties, and to what extend? (possibly supplemented by endoscopic examinations)



- 1. Describe the driving rain discharge of the façade.
- 2. Façades with plaster: Are there any cracks, plaster spalling, paint spalling, hollow layers, algae, salts, moisture damage or execution of drip edges?



Facades without plaster:

- 1. Describe type and condition of facade brick/clinker (solid brick, perforated brick) including cracks and spalling
- 2. Are there any missing, defective, washed-out or friable joints?
- 3. Is there any presence of algae, salts, moisture damage or cracks?
- 4. Describe the condition of drip edges



- **1.** Are there any visible damages due to wear, cracks, corrosion, deformation, or component failure?
- 2. Is it possible to detect lintels, steel girders or any elements penetrating the façade?
- 3. What is the former/current use of the projectiles?
- 4. Are there any visible damages at the inner surface of the façade such as mould and moisture damage in external wall corners, or at connections between window and wall?
- 5. Is there any visible grafitti?



Ground floor

- 1. Are there any moisture damages in the floor area?
- 2. Note the height of visible sealing levels



Floor slabs

- 1. Describe the ceiling structures layers, thicknesses, materials etc.
- 2. Describe the integration into existing external walls
- 3. Are there any visible damages on the ceiling construction (e.g. wood rot, corrosion, exposed reinforcement in concrete)?



Roof

- 1. Describe the roof structure (layers, thicknesses, materials)
- 2. What is the former/current use of the attic floor?
- 3. Are there any damaged areas on the room side?
- 4. What is the condition of the roof drainage system (damage to gutters and down pipes, clogged gutters, etc.)?
- 5. What is the condition of the roof covering, defects and puncture points?
- 6. What is the type of construction and condition of the dormers?



Climatic boundary conditions

- How are temperature and humidity levels in the building (especially high humidity loads from use, and condition of ventilation system)?
- 2. Is the building exposed to additional external moisture sources such as rising damp from the ground (e.g. due to a high groundwater level)
- 3. Is there a risk of high driving rain load? (e.g. having limited driving rain protection, being a high building, no protection from surrounding buildings, etc.)



Building surroundings

- 1. Is the building exposed to wind?
- 2. Does the building have a roof overhang or other constructional protection of the wall?
- 3. Is the building located close to a forest?
- 4. Is there any surrounding and façade greening?
- 5. Is the building exposed to strong shading?
- 6. Is the building located in a valley?
- 7. Is the building placed in an exposed position or altitude?

Additional notes



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